

Two Killed, Others Injured As APC LG Election Primaries Turn Bloody In Niger

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Minna – Two people have been confirmed dead in Benue Local Government Council election primaries of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) ahead of the November election in Niger State which turned bloody with clashes between rival groups in Kuta, Shiroro Local Government Area on Saturday night.

Violence reportedly erupted following the announcement of the results for Shiroro Local Government over alleged manipulation of results to favour some candidates against the popular wishes of people in the area.

Though the police in Niger state said only one person died in the free for all that ensued after the announcement of the results, our correspondent learnt that the second person died on the way to the hospital over injuries sustained.

Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO) Niger state Command, DSP Muhammad Abubakar Dan-Inna who confirmed the incidence in a telephone also explained that a number of people also sustained various degrees of injuries while vehicles and motorcycles were also damaged.

The PPRO said, “After the successful conduct of the primaries, thugs loyal to one of the aspirants having realized that the results were not in their favour, blocked the road and attacked the vehicle conveying the returning officers and the results”.

Although the Police were able to save the returning officers and the results of the election, Mohammed said some youths not satisfied with the police intervention proceeded to the Police station at Kuta to set it ablaze.

“The youths had engaged the police, it was while the police were trying to contain the situation that one person lost his life”, adding that it was the confrontation of the police by the youths in the area that claimed the life of the political thugs.

He said investigations are on to unravel the perpetrators of the violence while assuring that the police will leave no stone unturned at ensuring that anyone found to be in one way or the other connected to violent political clash will be prosecuted.

The APC chairman in Shiroro local government, Mr. Peter Kaburu who also spoke on the development said he got the report that two persons were killed and four others injured when rival political thugs clashed in the area.

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